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Dear Dr. Falconer,-

On the eve of sailing for the Old Country, I was able to place before my colleagues a plan for the co-ordination and prosecution of scientific and industrial research along the lines discussed between us on several occasions.

The opinion of the members of the Council with whom I consulted was very favourable, but as the Prime Minister was absent it was thought better not to decide finally the matter until his return, when I hope it will be taken up and dealt with at once, and I hope, will be dealt with favourably.

I shall be absent about six weeks, but in the meantime it would be well to be thinking over the composition of the advisory council, which will be honorary and composed of men engaged in scientific and industrial research, or men well versed therein, together with representatives of industrial interests acquainted with the needs of such research. It is not intended that the advisory committee should be made up of representatives of the Universities qua Universities although they will be gathered in part from them, and should be



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the very best combination of scientific and practical capacity, possible to be obtained. In the intervening weeks we can all be thinking that matter over so as to begin operations soon after my return provided the scheme goes through.

Yours very sincerely,

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